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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 TORI BELLE COSMETICS LLC,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 NATALIE MEEK, *et al.*,

12 Defendants.

Cause No. C21-0066RSL

ORDER EXTENDING TIME IN
WHICH TO RETAIN COUNSEL

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15 On September 26, 2022, the Court granted a motion to withdraw as counsel for Tori Belle
16 Cosmetics LLC and Laura Hunter, giving the corporate entity thirty days in which to retain new
17 counsel. Dkt. # 25. Ms. Hunter filed a motion seeking an extension of time (Dkt. # 98), followed
18 by a declaration asserting that LashLiner, Inc., has filed a bankruptcy petition and that this action
19 should be stayed as to its subsidiary, Tori Belle (Dkt. # 101). Defendant Natalie Meek opposes
20 the extension of time, moves to strike filings made on behalf of a non-represented entity, and
21 argues that the request for a bankruptcy stay is legally untenable.
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23 The general rule is that an automatic bankruptcy stay protects only the debtor and its
24 property, not that of the debtor's corporate affiliates. *In re Chugach Forest Prods., Inc.*, 23 F.3d
25 241, 246 (9th Cir. 1994); *Dish Network, LLC. v. Jadoo TV, Inc.*, No. CV 18-9768-FMO (KSX),
26 2019 WL 4544423, at *4 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 14, 2019). A stay would therefore be inappropriate.
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1 The Court will exercise its discretion to grant Tori Belle an additional twenty-five days in which
2 to retain counsel, however. If a notice of appearance is not filed by November 21, 2022, default
3 will be entered against Tori Belle. No further extensions of this deadline will be granted.
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6 Dated this 1st day of November, 2022.

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8 Robert S. Lasnik
9 United States District Judge
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